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As for myself, this tour means "Facing the music" the true way, far more interesting and rewarding than what I know from readings or listening to records, because the opportunity to be with you, see and hear is a real gift, a treasure that I will personally remember and benefit in the future.

The opportunity to ask you "pertinent" questions about yourself, life and playing in general, and have your candid, meaningful answers are of great value for me, and still in a "professionally speaking" process of assimilation.

I never before met an artist of your stature and prestige, who can balance with such ease the serious and profound issues of artistry with the other aspect of having fun, being eternally young and spirited, lots of enthusiasm and of course your famous limericks, all of them natural gifts that few artists have or had.

In short what I really want to say is that I am very proud of our association and will keep as before my trust, respect and love for you and mention my feelings openly as I did always, to everybody whenever they knew you personally or not.
To my delight, you also had kind words and feelings about how you perceive my development as a young artist, constructive criticism as well, or just evaluating human qualities based on your intuitive judgment or on what you have heard from other colleagues during our tour, and I am very happy that I always tried my best and it was noticed.

It is of course superfluous to mention to you how much help is needed for an young artist, so any idea coming from you concerning a recommendation or about management would be very valuable. I presume that you will also be in touch soon with Isaac Stern (you mentioned about 2 Dec. 85 at Carnegie Hall in N.Y.) and I think it will be appropriate and very helpful to me if you would let him know about our association and your warm, positive opinion about me, he will probably be interested to know it, especially coming from you.

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[Signature]
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